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**TITLE:** ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR FRAGMENTING, CUTTING AND  
COAGULATING TISSUE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

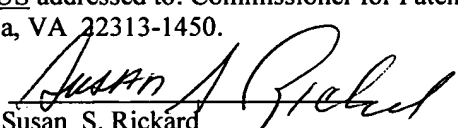
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